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1. Calling up men in the Petrich area is done through the Commission for Compulsory Military Service. An example of the way the Commission operates follows.
2. During 14 March 1950, a group of men was called up for medical and political examinations. The medical examination was conducted first. The political examination which followed consisted of questioning by a commission composed of a political officer, a police agent and a member of the Okoliya Committee of the Dimitrov Union of People's Youth. After completing both examinations, each man was issued a pre-induction certificate and was warned not to change his residence.
3. The group was again called before the Commission on 12 March 1951 for a second medical and x-ray examination and another political examination, after which the men were sent home to await induction notices. Each time the Commission met in one of the various Petrich schools. At each appearance of the men before the Commission, they were presented by the president of the Dimitrov Union of People's Youth of their village and one member of the village municipality. Each of these gave the Commission complete political information about the men.

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